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WILD WEST NOTES.

BY M. A. BEAL

It is reported that the John Adams post card, which is meeting with so little favor, is to be withdrawn. This is a good thing. They would be a disgrace to the postal system of any other country. The U. S. has always prided herself on having the homliest post cards in the world, with this John Adams emission she has beaten everything else she has attempted in that line. With the cheap card-board for printing, and the most hideous design that ever happened, beside which an afghanistan is a dream of beauty, the U. S. has the 'never' to call it a 'LADIES CARD'. The withdrawal will make them exceedingly rare, but few were issued and still fewer are the post-offices that have them on sale.

Collectors will do well to treasure the first printing of the Omaha's. This printing is distinguished by the richness of color, and in some cases, in connection with a slight blurring of the design. The later printings are clearer and the color is in every case lighter.

The xmas stamp has met with prime favor in Hastings. Nearly all local collectors specialize somewhat in Canadian and are never averse, no matter how much it may worry some, to placing new varieties of the interesting country in their collections, The colors might blend better, but in all things it is easy to find fault.

The ¼ cent prop. has been found in a distinct red-brown and in the shade has easily secured the price of ten cents. The ⅝ cent in lemon has been sold for six cents. Rumors that all revenues are soon to be perforated has caused bounds in prices for all values.

½ cent each is the price which is easily secured for fine copies of the 1 cent Omaha the 4 cent is selling for face, the eight commands a price of five cents. Pretty good isn't it? This is for used copies of course.

TORONTO TOPICS.

BY VISOS.

The following is I believe a complete list of plate numbers of the maple leaf issue recently withdrawn and replaced by the present ½ct Plate(1) 1ct Plates (1-2-3 & 4) 2ct Plates (1&2) 3ct Plates (1-2-3-4-5-6) 5ct, 6ct, 8ct, & 10ct, Plate (1)

Our club has recently issued some fine invitations for circulation not only among collectors in Toronto, but throughout Ontario. I see no reason why we should not have corresponding members. The invitation contains a list of officers and sets forth the objects, and advantages of bringing together collectors of mutual benifits and social enjoyment.

The new stamp was placed on sale in Toronto on Dec., 8th, and three days' sale amounted to $ 1700.00.

I have seen a copy of the 58th catalogue supplement, and prices are extremely low. The Canada Maple-leaf issue 6 and 10c values, used, are priced at 6 and 8c respectively. altogether underpriced if the current market price can be used as a standard. As there is a steady demand for these values 6 and 10c used, dealers can readily get $5.00 and $9.00 per 100. Very few collectors therefore can expect to purchase copies from their dealers at the usual 30% as only 500,000 of each of these values were issued they will likely sell for full catalogue in every instance.

The second auction sale of the Philatelic Club of Toronto, was brought to a successful issue on Tuesday eve. Dec. 6th in their Club Rooms Forum B'ld'gs. I noted an attendance of 17 active collectors. Over 45 lots consisting chiefly of the medium class of stamps were disposed of. Price ruled fair, and I believe all buyers have since had reason to congratulate themselves on their bargains.

Scott's supplement has disappointed many with prices on the maple leaf issue. But few will take cat. for their stamps of that issue.

A writer in the Virginia Phil., is worrying about the fact that the Omaha Exposition is going to be held in '99, fearing that the use of the Trans-Mississippi stamp will be extended to include that year. There need be no fear of this however, as the department made its last printing some time ago. As planned, that issue will be absolute after Jan. 1st although still available for postal use.

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A Combination of circumstances prevents us from giving any extra time to this paper until after the holidays. For this reason we could not get out a special Christmas issue. Instead we shall publish a fine Mid-Winter Special Number, the forms of which will close January 12th. Note our anouncement on title page.

In our last issue we spoke of a Toronto collector saying that the new 2ct stamp was not up to his expectations. We can voice his sentiments, but probably we placed our ideal too high. In our opinion the colors do not harmonize very well. After our Canadian cancellation system gets in its work on the new stamp it will be quite a mixture of black and red spots, for this reason we have an idea that used copies will not be much sought for.

Among the many ideas for postal reform filtering through our worthy P. M. General's thinking apparatus is one to inaugarate a street car postal service in Toronto. This would mean another special stamp.

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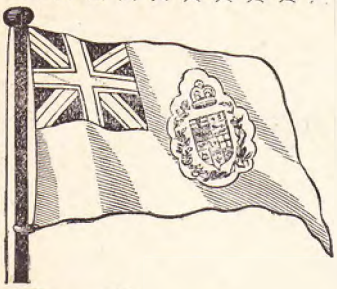

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